



# Wittenberg member challenges Secretarial Election

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A Ho-Chunk member has formally challenged the recent Secretarial Election, the first challenge to such elections in the history of the Ho-Chunk Nation.

In a written statement dated Aug. 17, Gloria Visintin of Wittenberg challenges the Aug. 14 election, stating that incorrect procedures deem the elections invalid.

She makes three arguments against the election.

First, Visintin states that the first proposed amendment, Amendment A, which delegates authority of the General Council Agency to hire, manage and supervise staff of the General Council Branch, was not placed on the ballot correctly.

"As you may already be aware, the Acting Regional Director sent a technical comment to President Greendear and the chairperson of the General Council Agency (GCA), Mr. Decorah. The comments that were presented in the first amendment were never addressed prior to being placed on the ballot. There

were several issues that were addressed in the letter attached and there has not been any clarification made to the tribal membership on the interpretation of the proposed amendment. There has not been any attempt to discuss this discrepancy with the Ho-Chunk General Council. This amendment has not followed the appropriate process in order for it to be placed on the ballot," she wrote.

Her second point is that any changes made to the Ho-Chunk Nation constitution must go through the Constitution Reform Task Force, as stated in a General Council resolution passed on Sept. 18, 2010.

"None of these proposed amendments have followed this resolution," she wrote. She also contends that the General Council Agency oversteps its boundaries.

"Third, the General Council Agency (GCA) is underhandedly assuming more power than the entire General Council (GC) is aware and what the Constitution authorizes. The GCA has contacted and misrepresented their Agency as the representation of the Nation. However, according to the Constitution, the president speaks on behalf of Nation interests. The Legislature is the branch of the Nation's government that deals with intergovernmental matters

and negotiations. These actions were assumed by the GCA, which is in direct violation of our Constitution and the authority it is given. More of these matters were addressed in the technical comment letter from the BIA (Bureau of Indian Affairs). They present their entity as the fourth branch of government and their claim to this assumed authority is via General Council Resolution 9-13-08-6."

In her letter, she included an opinion of Ho-Chunk Attorney General Sheila Corbine concerning the 2008 General Council actions, which gave authority to the General Council Agency.

Corbine states that two versions of the resolution that granted the GCA power of attorney were presented at the General Council meeting. One was that version that was printed in the resolution booklet that was handed out at the meeting. That version of the resolution had bulleted points of the resolution numbered one through 10.

The other version of the resolution contained four additional bulleted points, which were not included in the resolution booklet or mentioned in the GCA's Annual Report.

Bulleted points 11 through 14, the additional bulleted points, provide the GCA power of attorney, giving the

governmental body additional powers, Corbine states. Those additional bulleted points are:

11) To delegate authority to the General Council Agency to seek injunctive or declaratory relief in Tribal Court to enact and resolution passed by a duly authorized quorum of the General Council.

12) To declare that this resolution shall be retroactive and apply to any resolutions shall be retroactive and apply to any resolution that has not been passed by the Legislature or enacted through a Secretarial Election.

13) To delegate any and all authority to take any action necessary to enact any and all resolutions passed by the General Council.

14) These powers shall continue until repealed by the General Council.

"The language that troubles me most is contained in bullet 13, in that General Council delegated 'any and all' authority they had to the GCA to take any action necessary to enact any and all resolutions passed by the General Council," Corbine writes. "Until this resolution is repealed, it appears that no individual member(s) of General Council can act to get a resolution acted upon by the BIA or the Legislature until the GCA does it for them, as their power

to do so was assigned to GCA."

Also, Corbine writes that she is concerned that members of the General Council did not realize there was a difference between the resolution that was presented and the resolution that was explained at area meetings, described in the GCA Annual Report and printed in the Resolution booklet.

"Due to lack of notice as to the contents of these provisions, I am concerned that members of the General Council did not realize that by granting this Power of Attorney, they were giving up rights that they had to pursue these options outside of GCA. Even though the resolution was read at General Council and the language appeared on the big screen, I am concerned that this last minute change was not pointed out as being different from the resolution that was in the booklet, described in the Annual Report and different from the resolution that was described to the Tribal members at their area meetings."



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August 17, 2012

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Dear Mrs. Bouchard:

I am writing this letter to formally challenge the Secretarial Election that has just occurred in the Ho-Chunk Nation. There are several reasons that will be provided for deeming this election invalid, thus the need to present this challenge to the election.

As you may already be aware, the Acting Regional Director sent a technical comment to President Greendeer and Chairperson of the General Council Agency (GCA), Mr. Decorah. The comments that were presented in the first proposed amendment were never addressed prior to being placed on the ballot. There were several issues that were addressed in the letter attached and there has not been any clarification made to the tribal membership on the interpretation of the proposed amendment. There has not been any attempt to discuss this discrepancy with the Ho-Chunk General Council. This amendment has not followed the appropriate process in order for it to be placed on the ballot.

Second, the resolutions that passed that would invoke a secretarial election because changes must be made to the constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation have not gone through the Constitution Reform Task force. This resolution was passed on September 18, 2010 and is identified as General Council Resolution 09-18-10 1 (attached). The resolution states:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the General Council hereby directs all submitted resolutions proposing a constitutional change or amendment be directed to the Constitutional Reform Committee for review to assure that the proposed changes are constitutional. Such review will be made to the General Council within 120 days from the adoption of this resolution and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these amendments be published for public comment and review in a manner best suited to reach as many tribal members as possible before the next scheduled General Council meeting, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that General Council requests that the President of the Nation deem it necessary to call a Special General Council meeting and that any Special General Council meeting be called no later than 180 days from the adoption of this resolution specifically for the purpose of discussing these recommendations and action upon them as the General Council sees fit.

None of these proposed amendments have followed this resolution. The Constitution Reform Committee has not had any opportunity to review the proposed amendments as was passed at the General Council of 2010; in which the vote was YES 834; NO 643; ABSTAIN 143. This is reflected in the meeting minutes from this specified General Council is attached. The General Council Agency provided their version of proposed amendments to the Bureau of Indian Affairs without it going to a Special General Council to discuss any of the proposed amendments as was decided upon by the General Council, which would address any concerns or issues with the General Council Resolution 9-13-8-6, which is elaborated upon in the next point of challenge.

Third, the General Council Agency (GCA) is underhandedly assuming more power than the entire General Council (GC) is aware and what the Constitution authorizes. The GCA has contacted and misrepresented their Agency as the representation of the Nation. However, according to the constitution, the President speaks on behalf of Nation interests. The Legislature is the branch of the Nation's government that deals with intergovernmental matters and negotiations. These actions were assumed by the GCA, which is in direct violation of our constitution and the authority it is given. More of these matters are addressed in the technical comment letter from the BIA. They present their entity as the fourth branch of Government and their claim to this assumed authority is via General Council Resolution 9-13-08-6 (attached). Also attached is the Ho-Chunk Nation's Attorney General Opinion of the 2008 General Council Actions. Attorney Corbine's analysis of this resolution is as follows:

This resolution has (2) parts to it. The first part (bullet points (1-10)) deal with the GC giving the GCA the authority on their behalf to represent them as the appropriate persons(s) to take past, present and future general council resolutions that passed and require a Secretarial Election and provide them to the BIA to get the election process started. This part of the resolution was describe in the General Council Agency's Annual Report that was read at the General Council and was also printed in the Hocak Worak, September 13, 2008 Special Edition. Furthermore, the Resolution that was printed in the resolution booklets that were handed out at the General Council meeting contained a resolution that had bullet points one (1) through ten (10). This is merely a procedural issue adopted by the General Council as to how to deal with their authority under the HCN, Article XIII, Section 2, to call and hold a Secretarial Election. Clearly, the General Council has the authority under the Constitution to set their own procedures under the HCN, Article IV, Section 3(d).

The Second part of this resolution is an additional four (4) bullet points that were added to this resolution on or near the day of General Council, so they are not included in the resolution booklet, nor mentioned in the General Council Agency's (GCA) Annual Report. The bullet points were part of the Resolution that was projected on the big screen at the General Council meeting and the bullet points were read out loud when this resolution was being presented. However, there was not discussion regarding these bullet points and no mention made that there was a difference between the resolution being presented and the resolution that was in the booklet that had been provided earlier. Bullet points eleven (11) through fourteen (14) provide the General Council Agency Power of Attorney expressly giving the GCA the following additional powers:

(11) To (sic) delegate authority to the General Council Agency to seek injunctive or declaratory relief in Tribal Court to Enact any Resolution Passed by a Duly Authorize Quorum of the General Council,

(12) To declare that this Resolution shall be retroactive and apply to any Resolutions shall be retroactive and apply to any Resolution that has not been passed by the Legislature or enacted through a Secretarial Election,

(13) To delegate any and all authority to take any action necessary to enact any and all resolutions passes by the General Council;

(14) These powers shall continue until repealed by the General Council.

A power of attorney is a legal instrument granting authority that an individual or organization has to do something to another individual or organization to act as an agent to do those things on their behalf. The General Council by passing this resolution has granted the GCA a very broad authority to act on behalf of General Council. Until this resolution is revoked or repealed by the General Council, only the GCA can seek injunctive and declaratory relief to enact any resolution passed by a duly authorized quorum. The language that troubles me most is contained in bullet point (13), in that General Council delegated "any and all" authority they had to the GCA to take any action necessary to enact any and all resolutions passed by the General Council. Until this resolution is repealed, it appears that no individual member(s) of General Council can act to get a resolution acted upon by the BIA or the Legislature until the GCA does it for them, as their power to do so was assigned to GCA.

Due to the lack of notice as to the contents of these provisions, I am concerned that members of the General Council did not realize that by granting this Power of Attorney they were giving up rights that they had to pursue these options outside of GCA. Even though the resolution was read at General Council and the language appeared on the big screen I am concerned that this last minute change was not pointed out as being different from the resolution that was in the booklet, described in the GCA Annual report and different from the resolution that was described to the Tribal members at their area meetings. When individuals are giving up rights they inherently have as members of the General Council it should be fully explained.

There is also the issue as to whether an individual General Council member can give up a right that they inherently have and possess individually to a group. The last four (4) bullet points are not procedural in nature, like ten (10) bullet points that deal with the Secretarial Elections, rather they actually deprive the individual tribal member General Council member of some of their authority to sue the Legislature or take actions necessary to get a passed resolution enacted. The procedural Secretarial Election portions could have been achieved without calling a document a power of attorney, but rather declare that it is a procedure endorsed by a majority of General Council.

If the General Council members did realize that there was a difference between the resolution that was presented and the resolution that was explained at the area meetings, described in the GCA Annual Report and

printed in the resolution booklet, and they are comfortable with this very broad delegation of their powers to the GCA, then that is fine. I am mainly concerned with the notice regarding the change to the resolution is susceptible to challenge by the General Council members who did not realize they were giving up authority to the GCA.

In this statement you will read the "GCA VIOLATIONS" numbered 1 and 2 (attached). This statement regards the GCA denying tribal members of the Wittenberg their right to vote. The by-laws of the GCA regarding the GCA voting process are found on page 5 of 6 under ARTICLE SIX-VOTING: Section 1. "Each agent shall have one vote" The Wittenberg Agent Martin Decorah did not use his duty as the vote for Wittenberg nor did he exercise the option to use the alternate Myrna Littlewolf as the vote carrier for Wittenberg. The GCA denied the Wittenberg area their vote privilege as well as denying due process to tribal members in the voting process of the tribe.

The BILL OF RIGHTS of the HCN CONSTITUTION STATES on p 17, ARTICLE X-BILL OF RIGHTS SECTION 1, Bill of Rights, (a) no. 8, "The Ho-chunk Nation, in exercising its powers of self-government shall not: (8) deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of its laws or deprive any person of liberty or property without due process of law;"

Wittenberg, District III of the Ho-Chunk Nation was denied the liberty of voting by the GCA, through the Wittenberg Representative not representing the Wittenberg vote. See GCA Bylaws and Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution (attached). I don't know why the GCA denied the Wittenberg vote. Was it retaliation for me writing the resolution to dissolve the GCA at the General Council in 2011? Did they deny the Wittenberg vote because of ignorance or neglect? There is no explanation given by the GCA or anyone else.

Finally, the meeting minutes from the Wittenberg community are attached and there is much debate as to whether or not the GCA is actually serving the best interest of the Nation. The community believes it is not acting as an agent for the people and wish to have them dissolved as reflected in area meeting motions. This motion has been referred to the Legislative council at the full Legislative meeting. This issue of the power attorney is debated in many facets of the Nation. The GCA is not even mentioned in the constitution in any respects. They are not a branch of Government. The branches of government are the Executive, Legislative, Judicial and General Council. Until the people vote to have this changed, the GCA continues to violate the constitution and Ho-Chunk Nation laws as currently written.

Respectfully,  
Gloria Visintin  
Ho-Chunk Tribal Member #3116



# To Ho-Chunk Nation tribal members

Submitted by Wapakununkmaniwinga, Ho-Chunk Elite Elder, Gloria Visintin, District III, Wittenberg, Wisconsin

## GCA VIOLATIONS

General Council agency (GCA) is a sub organization of the Ho-Chunk Nation General Council

### VIOLATION No.1:

On September 18, 2010, On General Council Resolution # 9-18-10-1, a motion was made by Rita Cleveland (Gardner) tribal ID # 0346, and seconded by Karen Nichols tribal ID # 1768, stating that all general council constitutional change resolutions be referred to the HCN Constitutional Task Force. The vote by the General Council was YES-834 NO-643 ABSTAINED-143 MOTION PASSED. Since then the GCA has repeatedly taken General Council resolutions, amendments and changes into their possession, interpreting them, making additions of their own and thereafter publishing them as the bona fide, original resolution presented to General Council voters. The Resolution #9-13-08-6 regards that General Council power of attorney to be given to GCA. The added numbers in the GCA altered resolution after the fact of the GC vote are NOS. (11), (12), (13), AND (14) OF GC RES, # 9-13-08-6.

### VIOLATION NO.2:

The Wittenberg vote was not represented or entered at this meeting (January 15, 2011, Dejope site). There were 12 voting members present at this GCA meeting. Marvin Decorah, chairperson conducting the meeting, did not provide for a duly counted vote from Wittenberg. He is the GCA agent elected by Wittenberg community to vote on their behalf. Mr. Decorah could have stepped aside from his chairperson seat, having the vice-chair hold the seat so he could enter the Wittenberg vote, and then after voting for Wittenberg, retain his chairperson position. He could also have had his Wittenberg alternate, Myrna Littlewolf, be present to represent the Wittenberg vote so he could chair the meeting uninterrupted. He did not provide for those two options. The GCA DENIED REPRESENTATION AND DUE PROCESS TO TRIBAL MEMBERS. This voting action occurred at all GCA meetings. It appears that this voting violation would then make all those motions by the GCA invalid thereby. The January 15, 2011 MOTION # 9 was: Rosetta Hunt made the motion to approve John Swimmers payment with the GCA. The motion was seconded by Muriel (Whitedog) Whiteagle Lee. The vote was 9-0-0 (Matt Mullen-Chicago, Angie Waage-Black River Falls, were out of the room.), motion carried.

This GCA Activity occurred again at the March, 19, 2011, Black River Falls, executive bldg, with 11 GCA members present. On MOTION# 12: Rosetta Hunt made the motion to accept Attorney John Swimmer's contract with the GCA. Muriel (Whitedog) Whiteagle Lee seconded the motion. The vote was 8-0-2 (Sallaway, Brinegar abstain) motion carried. The Wittenberg vote was not represented. There is also no known disclosure to the GCA by John Swimmer and Muriel (WW) Lee in an outside HCN court custody case where Muriel Lee was an interested family party which raises the question of conflict of interest.

These are only 3 of many violations by the sub-organization GCA toward Ho-Chunk Nation members and GCA proposed by-laws, recorded

## GCA: DELUSIONS OF GRANDEUR?

GCA (General Council Agency) is a sub-organization of the HCN General Council

### VIOLATION # 3: GCA Res. 9-12-09-b creating GCA as separate branch of government

"Now therefore be it resolved that the Ho-Chunk Nation General Council hereby adopts this resolution as a policy to provide General Council Agency the authority to directly supervise governmental employees under its authority and as a separate branch of government. General Council Agency employees will directly report to the General Council Agency Officers."

This GCA statement violates HCN Constitution pg 3, ARTICLE III, Section 2, "Branches of Government" which reads: "*The government of the Ho-Chunk Nation shall be composed of (four) 4 branches: General Council, Legislature, Executive, and Judiciary.*" (This article has never been rescinded.)

### VIOLATION # 4: GCA lawsuits against other HCN entities

The GCA violated its own by-laws (Res. # 9-12-9-A, also GCA by-law provisions in 2007) by entering HCN court Case No. CV 11-07 to sue the Ho-Chunk Constitution Reform Task Force (HCRTF). In GCA By-laws, Article I, Section 2 (b) – (g), are listed the various duties of the GCA none of which authorizes the GCA to pursue suits against anybody for any reason. GCA by-laws, Article I, Section 2, (H) states: "*The GCA shall not act or take action outside the above delegated authority.*" IN the GCA suit against the HCRTF the HCN court dismissed the GCA lawsuit against the HCRTF. *See HCN Court Case No. CV 11-07, GCA vs. HCRTF. The GCA acted outside of the scope of its authority spending valuable tribal monies pursuing an unauthorized lawsuit against another tribal entity*

### VIOLATION # 5: GCA Res. # 9-12-9-b, GCA hiring, firing, managing, supervising GC personnel

The Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution does not grant the General Council the power to hire and fire personnel. The General Council cannot grant a power it does not possess. See HCN Constitution, p4, ARTICLE IV, Section 4, 4 Accepted Powers. "*The General Council does not retain the power to review actions relating to the hiring and firing of personnel.*" The power to supervise and manage government employees is retained by the Executive Branch through Departments created by the Legislature. *See HCN Constitution p 8, ARTICLE VI, Section 1, parts (a) - (b).*

**Question:** Does the Ho-Chunk Nation want to continue supporting a law-breaking entity? Tribal members are advised to consider wisely. The GCA is also considering using Power of Attorney in their actions. The will of the Ho-Chunk people is expressed traditionally thru individual expression in General Council. It is the sovereign right of the HOCUNGRA to self-determines our lives and our welfare.

### TRIBAL ID CARDS

General Council – 2012  
Office of Tribal Enrollment will be available at the Ho-Chunk Hotel and Convention Center to make Tribal ID Cards starting:

**FRIDAY, SEPT. 21, 2012 from 1:00 PM – 9:00 PM**  
**SATURDAY, SEPT. 22, 2012 from 7:00 AM – 2:00 PM**

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DUPLICATE: \$10

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# Labor Day Pow-wow Winners

## Golden Age Seniors – 55+ Women

1. Patricia Eagleman
2. Elena Greendeer
3. Juanita Walker
4. Pat Logan

## Men

1. Paul Cloud
2. Albert Sr. King
3. Apesanikwat
4. Steve King

## Adults-18-54 Applique Women

1. Tracy Pecore
2. Autumn White
3. Angie Hindsley
4. Gabrielle Rave

## Fancy – Women

1. Anhinga Whitecloud
2. Matida Williams
3. Heleyna Brinegar
4. Margarita Hernandez

## Fancy – Men

1. Dave Cleveland
2. Dermetrías Mariqu
3. Albert King Jr.
4. Mick Escamea

## Grass – Men

1. Wambli Charging Eagle
2. Austin Benton
3. MJ DeMarce
4. Jason Pettibone Sr.

## Jingle – Women

1. Cherish Lonetree
2. RenaBelle Whitecloud-Naveguaya
3. Cheyenne Hindsley
4. Tara Swallow

## Traditional – Women

1. Jamie Jon Whiteshirt
2. Danielle Benton
3. Bianca Whitecloud
4. Brigitte Morris

## Traditional Men

1. Dana Warrington
2. Charles Hindsley
3. Dylan Prescott
4. Daniel Prescott

## Teens 13-17 Applique – Teen girls

1. Arianna Greencrow
2. Jasmyne Collins
3. Taylor Clairmont

## Fancy – Teen Girls

1. Amina Frenchman
2. Dayvina Whitecloud
3. Grace Rave

## Fancy – Teen Boys

1. Sonny Littlehead

## Grass – Teen Boys

1. Thomas Redbird IV
2. Addam Walter
3. Daniel Hernandez-White

## Jingle – Teen Girls

1. Savannah Brown

## Traditional – Teen Boys

1. Sarah Rave
2. Skylar Decorah

## Traditional – Teen Girls

1. Hailey Greencrow
2. Aerius Benton
3. Coreen Lonetree-Rindahl

## Traditional – Teen Boys

1. Michael Fish Jr
2. Floyd King
3. Donavan Collins

## Juniors 7-12 Applique – Junior Girls

1. Calista Stumblingbear
2. Joleece Pecore
3. Zoe Terry

## Fancy – Junior Girls

1. Coral Benton
2. Hozhoni WhiteCloud
3. Kaliyah Bear

## Fancy – Junior Boys

1. Geno Yellowbird-WhiteCloud
2. Jovahn Lujan
3. Langston Brown



## Grass – Junior Boys

1. Hudson King
2. Ross Johnston
3. Damian Funmaker

## Jingle – Junior Girls

1. Maicy King
2. Lorena Brinegar
3. Alexandria Decorah

## Traditional – Junior Girls

1. Kaitlynn Jefferson
2. Aaliyah Begay
3. Reyna Brinegar

## Junior Boys

1. Ruben LittleHead Jr
2. Bobby Mo Morris
3. Bryson Funmaker



# 2012 Health, Wellness, & Safety Fair: The details

Submitted by Anna Olson, Black River Memorial Hospital

This year's Health, Wellness and Safety Fair will be held on Thursday September 20, 2012 at the Wisconsin National Guard Armory from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The primary goal of this event is to promote healthy and safe lifestyles and to expand awareness of all health, wellness and safety products and services that our west-central Wisconsin region has to offer.

We invite you to be a part of this event which, for the first time, will include the P.E.E.R.S. Aware III Simulator (see [www.peerawareness.com](http://www.peerawareness.com)). This system simulates real-life driving conditions and is designed to realistically demonstrate the dangers of drinking and texting while driving while using an actual vehicle. High school classes are being scheduled to attend this event and a large screen will be present to allow for shared viewing.

The fair will target all age groups and will include a variety of screenings related to health and wellness; including blood pressure, balance & sensory, blood sugar, body composition, carbon monoxide monitoring, oxygen levels, sleep screening, dexascan, and glucose/total cholesterol with HDL. If interested in

the glucose/total cholesterol screening, fasting is strongly recommended and you may choose to pre-schedule your appointment time by contacting Liz Lund at 715-284-1386. Flu shots will be available for a fee and other attractions include car safety seat inspections, massage, and fitness and cooking demonstrations. Mayo One and MedLink Air helicopters and fire & rescue will be on site to further showcase their services in our area. There will also be opportunities to attend informative sessions that will educate and motivate participants about health, wellness, and safety.

• 8:30 – 10 a.m.: Mary Bauer, Compliance Specialist from the Eau Claire OSHA will be speaking about the Globally Harmonized System (GHS) of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals, "What Changes are Coming?" Pre-registration is required; contact Liz Lund at 715-284-1386.

• 9 & 11 a.m.: Maretta Budde, Curves Licensed Zumba Instructor, will be doing Zumba demonstrations.

• 10 a.m. & 12 p.m.: Kathleen Clemons, Ho-Chunk Exercise Physiologist, will be demonstrating chair exercises and other ways to make your day more active.

• 11 a.m. & 1 p.m.: Keynote Speaker Brian Udermann, PhD Exercise Physiologist

and UW-La Crosse Professor, will speak about "Health Myths that May Surprise You." A very enlightening presentation that will leave you more informed about your health no matter what you think you know.

• Throughout the Day: Paula Przywojski, Registered Dietitian at Black River Memorial Hospital and Jill Fleming, Registered Dietitian at Jackson County health & Human Services WIC, will be doing healthy cooking demonstrations.

Stop by and check out the above activities amongst the many other vendors participating and providing information. In addition, plan on stopping next door at the American Legion to donate blood at the Blood Center of Wisconsin BLOOD DRIVE (8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.).

Please contact Liz Lund at 715-284-3682 or email her at [lundl@brmh.net](mailto:lundl@brmh.net) with any questions.

The event is being sponsored by The Greater Black River Area Safety Council and Black River Memorial Hospital along with the following partners: American Red Cross; Atlas Resin Proppants; Black River Falls EMS; Black River Falls School District; Friends of the Black River; Ho-Chunk Nation; Jackson County Department of Public Health; Together for Jackson County

Kids; and UW-Extension. We look forward to seeing you at the 2012 Health, Wellness and Safety Fair at the Wisconsin

National Guard Armory on Thursday, September 20, 2012.

## Emergency grazing of CRP Acres extended to November 30th

Submitted by Julie Dokkestul, Jackson County Farm Service Agency

USDA Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack has announced an extension for the emergency grazing deadline on Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acres to November 30, 2012, on limited practices for producers in counties eligible for emergency grazing, which includes Jackson County.

The following practices are NOT eligible for the November 30, deadline extension:

- Grass Waterway-Noneasement (CP8A)
  - Wetland Restoration (CP23)
  - Wetland Restoration, Non-Floodplain (CP23A)
- Producers interested in emergency grazing must remove cattle no later than November 30, 2012 or when

grass height limitations in conservation plan have been reached, whichever occurs first.

Emergency haying on CRP acres has not been extended and was required to be completed by August 31, 2012. Producers are reminded that they must report final acreage hayed immediately.

CRP participants who participated in the emergency grazing must report the number of acres actually grazed and the number of livestock grazed by November 30, 2012, and reports are subject to spot check by USDA.

For more information about the deadline dates and required information for emergency grazing and haying of CRP acres contact the Jackson County FSA Office at 715-284-4515.



# Diabetes amputees

Submitted by  
Gary Funmaker Sr.

A Harris County jury has ruled in favor of a Houston man in a medical malpractice case, awarding him \$10 million in damages stemming from a lawsuit against Methodist Hospital and the doctors who treated him there.

John German developed gangrene that required the amputation of his left leg above the knee, all the toes on his right foot and all of his fingers in the aftermath of heart surgery in 2002.

"It's been a long time coming, but I feel vindicated," said German, who was a 32-year-old mechanic at the time of the care. "It's like closing a painful chapter in my life, even though I have to live every day like this."

Methodist officials said they are confident they will prevail on appeal. The judgment was returned Tuesday.

When someone needs to have a limb removed, it's always a terrible situation. My name is Gary A. Funmaker, Sr., I was born in Black River Falls, WI. In 1946. I am a diabetic having been diagnosed in 1988, while attending Central Indian Bible College in Mobridge, SD. In my life I've tried to workout and did quite a bit of running for stamina and it's other benefits. In fact I satisfied a dream to run the Memorial Day annual run. In 2002 I finished the 10K in seventy two minutes.

So with that said when diabetes came into my life I thought I could run and exercise my way out of this disease? Well eventually you will find out that diet and what we eat has a huge effect on our daily blood glucose levels, which is backed up by the truth teller, A1C quarterly check up with your doctor.

This work out ethic lead to an injury to my left foot small toe. While working out with my personal trainer I suffered an injury; come to find out three months later I found out through my doctor a rib was out of place; my daily regiment was to go to the local Snap facility every morning at five a.m. This injury kept me from working out for about a month. Thirty days later I thought I could go right back to my forty minute treadmill part of my workout. For some reason I chose one of my older running shoes to resume my routine, in lieu of comfortable pliable pair that I usually used. This led to a scrapping of shoe to the small toe on my left foot, and the eventual problem. I had been schooled just recently by a local podiatrist who was looking at my foot for pain in my heel, turned out to be a sliver. He told me he had done several amputations while working on some South Dakota reservations. I thought you will never get me in that situation.

Since Thanksgiving of 2011 my small toe became irritated during my morning

workout. I have been battling a spreading infection that necessitated my small toe and a large flesh area on the top of my left foot being surgically removed by Dr. Stapp, an Aberdeen podiatrist, on December 16, 2011. This has been a slow-healing process including sometimes twice-weekly trips to wound care at the local hospital and weekly appointments with Dr. Stapp for foot monitoring.

Despite this we were discouraged by the lack of progress and the fact that my next toe was looking "dark." We had asked Dr. Stapp repeatedly if it was alright and he repeatedly said it was the toe was ok. After making inquiries I found out about Ho-chunk diabetic patients having success in healing with Dr. Ung from Sioux City, Iowa. I made an appointment with him to get a second opinion on my foot scheduled for Wednesday, March 21, 2012, at his satellite clinic in Brookings, South Dakota. Once there he took x-rays of my left foot and showed to us that the initial amputation had left the severed toe bone jagged, thus a problem in the future for pressure ulcers, and that the next toe needed to be removed! The area of infection could plainly be seen on the x-rays.

I have had regular weekly appointments with Dr. Stapp, and on Tuesday, March 20, 2012, he dressed the wound to prepare for me to meet with Dr. Ung the next day. He confirmed to me that he knew of Dr. Ung and had no problem with me seeing him. Dr. Stapp thought everything looked okay and he had wanted me to return on Thursday to apply another aPL graft on my wound. This would have been my 5th. All my recommended doctor appointments were being kept, and my care simply appears to not have been adequate enough, thus necessitating the emergency remedial surgery, debridement and amputation of another toe.

Dr. Ung stated that necessary measures should be done, "the sooner the better," and strongly suggested that we have same-day surgery at Mercy Hospital in Sioux City, Iowa the following day. We agreed to meet with him and drove down from Brookings to Sioux City without going back to Aberdeen, South Dakota where we live. This trip was completely unplanned.

Making a conscious decision in this regard is almost impossible to do without the blinding rush of a mountain of emotions, as this is obviously a choice that's permanent in nature. Living without a limb or limbs instantly changes someone's life forever, as he or she will need to relearn several skills and to perform several tasks that were nothing more than an afterthought up until that point. I cut and pasted this

earlier paragraph because I related to everything it states: emotions, permanent in nature, change in our lives forever, relearn several skills we did without thought and maybe took for granted.

Recent studies have shown that American Indians and Alaska Natives have an elevated risk for developing diabetes. Diabetes is a serious disease that, unless managed and treated properly, may lead to secondary complications including amputation. The following statistics, taken from various sources including the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), illustrate the extent and serious nature of this disease and its effect on American Indians/Alaska Natives.

- American Indian/Alaska Native groups have a rate of diabetes 2 to 5 times higher than that of other groups in the United States.1
- From 1994-2002, the percentage of American Indians/Alaska Natives with diagnosed diabetes rose from 11.5% to 15.3%.2
- A tribe in central Arizona, the Pima Indians, has the world's highest recorded rate of diabetes. About 50% of the members of the tribe between the ages of 30 and 64 have been diagnosed with the disease.3
- In 1997, diabetes accounted for 67% of the total number of lower extremity amputations performed in the United States.4
- Amputation rates among

American Indians are 3 to 4 times higher than those for the general population.5

- It has been estimated that perhaps 50% of lower-extremity amputations could be prevented by improving foot care among individuals with diabetes.6

Of the 429,918 subjects identified with diabetes (mean age 64 ± 11 years, 97.4% male), 3,289 individuals were determined to have had a lower-limb amputation during the study period. Compared with diabetic patients without amputations, amputees were on average older, more likely to belong to a minority group, and were more likely to have received treatment for more comorbid conditions. Asians were more likely to have toe amputations compared with whites or other ethnicities, while Native Americans were more likely to have below-the-knee amputations. Native Americans had the highest risk of amputation (RR 1.74, 95% CI 1.39–2.18), followed by African Americans (RR 1.41, 95% CI 1.34–1.48) and Hispanics (RR 1.28, 95% CI 1.20–1.38) compared with whites. The presence of diabetic nephropathy increased the risk of amputation threefold in all groups. Asian subjects with diabetes had the lowest adjusted relative risk of amputation (RR 0.31, 95% CI 0.19–0.50).

CONCLUSIONS—Among diabetic patients, certain ethnic minority individuals have an increased risk of

lower-extremity amputation compared with whites. Presence of diabetic nephropathy further increases this risk.

Ho-Chunk health providers need to create our own network of what to do if you are a diabetic and may need a worthy doctor. I would strongly suggest using Dr. Ung, but we need other names to point our people to for care. For myself I had my operations in Sioux City, IA. And post operative care at Touchstone Care facility in Sioux City. The staff is professional and very helpful and the food excellent. So let's get some organization going on this problem. I don't have the total amount of Ho-chunk amputees, only our medical staff knows that number?

The Oklahoma law firm of Atkins & Markoff has amputation error attorneys available who have the requisite skills, track records and experience necessary to help you decide how to move forward properly. You need a basis of knowledge in order to make your decision regarding how to proceed comfortably, so contact the firm today to schedule an initial consultation.

## The Diabetes Education & Support Group of Black River Memorial Partners and The Ho-Chunk Nation Health Department Present "Meetings After Five"

In an effort to expand educational opportunities to all, we have added four special evening dates throughout the year to our Diabetes Education Support Group. There is no cost for these programs.

**Place and time:** Black River Memorial Hospital Dorothy Halvorson Conference Room, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

### Dates and topics:

**Monday, September 17** – Diabetes Burnout – Kathy Braaten, RD, CDE & Kathleen Clemons

**Monday, November 12** – Carbohydrate Counting for the Holidays – Kathy Braaten

*Open discussion will follow each meeting. We hope to see you there!*

**Our mission:** To bring people with diabetes, pre-diabetes, and family and friends together to share experiences and learn to live healthy lives



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# Wilson Lake Park receives updated facilities

Ken Luchterhand  
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A Shawano county park is looking a lot nicer these days, including a new park shelter, playground equipment and play area, thanks to money from the Ho-Chunk Nation and county officials want to show their appreciation.

With the funds provided by the Ho-Chunk Nation, a new solar-powered shelter was constructed and new playground equipment provided at Wilson Lake near Wittenberg.

"The new shelter and playground has dramatically improved the looks and the use of the park," said Shawano County Parks Manager Keith Marquardt.

Shawano County receives \$82,000 each year from the Ho-Chunk Nation in according with the state gaming compact agreement in lieu of property taxes. The payments to the counties are based on trust acreage in each county.

The money has been used in the past for county capital improvement projects. The money was used in 2010 for the shelter, in 2011 it was the playground and this year \$65,000 was used to remodel the Parks Dept. office, which allowed included expansion of offices for two intern employees, Marquardt said.

The total cost of the shelter was \$160,000 including the solar panels, of which \$40,000 came from Ho-Chunk funds. The playground equipment and area cost \$30,000, which was totally paid for by Ho-Chunk Funds. This year, the Parks Department office was remodeled at a cost of \$65,000.

The shelter, 60' x 30', which is about 1,800 square feet, has a picnic table space

on either end, separated by bathrooms in the middle. The bathrooms are equipped with flushing, yet waterless, toilets. Marquardt said he can't explain how they work, but they do. However, the sinks operate with water.

The old outdoor toilets are still situated behind the new shelter, toilets that served the park before the building was constructed. The outdoor toilets will be removed eventually, but first parks officials wanted to make sure the new ones were running properly.

Solar panels on the roof provide electricity for the lights and power to pump the water for the bathrooms, plus a little extra. Because the panels are connected to the grid and are producing more electricity than is being used, the county is receiving credit from the power company for the extra.

"We get about \$20 to \$30 credit per month for nine months out of the year," Marquardt said. "It amounts to an extra \$70 to \$80 in revenue per year."

Park Ranger John Martin estimates that 50 to 70 people use the park on weekends during summer months and that number is increasing due to the improvements.

"As we made improvements, usage has increased," Martin said. "Plus, when the park is looking better, the public takes better care of everything."

The park is considered a "day park" with no camping facilities. However, the park does connect to hiking and cross-country ski trails. The lake is relatively shallow and has a great deal of silt infiltration from the small inlet stream. No outboard motors are on allowed on the



With the new park additions, Marquardt and Martin have seen an increase in the park's usage. Also, people tend to take better care of the facility since the upgrade.

lake, so traditionally the park and lake has not received a lot of traffic. However, recently, with the new additions to the park, more visitors are coming to the facility to enjoy the quiet, peaceful surroundings. Family reunions, birthday parties and other gatherings are becoming more popular and the shelter can be reserved for various functions, Marquardt said.

And with any gathering, children are usually present, so a play area becomes a necessity. Until now, that area was nothing to brag about.

"We had a playground in 2001 and 2002, but there wasn't much to it," he said. "There were swings and a little area to play."

But now, the playground equipment will provide areas to climb, slide and swing in a friendly, safe environment.



The shelter, approximately 60' x 30', has solar panels that provide all the electricity the park needs, plus a little more. Picnic tables are available for large or small gatherings, plus bathrooms with waterless toilets.

The playground equipment was manufactured by BCI Burke Co. of Fond du Lac,

WI, and purchased through Miller and Associates of Sauk Prairie, WI.

## Catch for a Cure 2012

Submitted by Lisa De Long

On Saturday September 1, ten ladies over-30 softball teams gathered at Pierce Park in Baraboo to play in what was called the "Catch for a Cure" Softball Tournament to raise money for cancer research. Breast cancer is a disease in which malignant (cancer) cells form in the tissues of the breast. It is considered a heterogeneous disease—differing by individual, age group, and even the kinds of cells within the tumors themselves. Obviously no woman wants to receive this diagnosis, but hearing the words "breast cancer" doesn't always mean an end. It can be the beginning of learning how to fight, getting the facts, and finding hope.

According to organizers the event would help find a cure, empower women, and assist local families affected

by cancer. All of the money raised by auctions, raffles and donations would stay in the Baraboo and Sauk County area. Among the participants were members of the Ho-Chunk Nation lead by team manager, Lisa DeLong. DeLong stated that she had played for a local team last year and was moved to organize a team consisting of mostly tribal members.

Catch for a Cure 2012 aka: "Save the babas" - team name: "For Tits n Giggles" Sponsor: Pat Uchytel from Uchytel Farms, Haugen WI.

Team: Lisa Rae De Long, Cassie Fry, April Thundercloud, Sam Day-Thaler, Tara Blackcoon, Nivy Funmaker, Toni Funmaker, Lexis Thundercloud, Jen Konop, Katina Decorah and Michelle Thomas.

Each team had to design a bra to be auctioned off during dinner. Our bra went for \$85

and it was a 44 DD super dooper NDN corn bra! Our sponsor Pat Uchytel modeled it for us! :-)) All proceeds go to Catch for a Cure, so all spending is for a good cause!

Cassie Fry came in second in the home run derby out of 10 women! April Thundercloud and Jen Konop were elected the 2 all stars from our team!

We ended up getting 2nd in the consolation bracket. We were the new team this year and Ho-chunks as well with the exception of 2 players! Our first game against Shaeffer Electric went into sudden death OT. Unfortunately we lost to them 1-0 in the 8th inning!

Wonskik Kreations (my mom) donated \$150 of jewelry for the cause for the silent auction.

Definitely next year we are all gonna play again!



Standing: Josh Upchurch, Lisa DeLong, Michelle Thomas, Sam Thaler, Tara Blackcoon, Toni Funmaker, Sponsor Patrick Uchytel, Nivy Funmaker  
Bottom: Katina Decorah, Alexis Thundercloud, April Thundercloud, Jennifer Konop, Cassie Fry

"IT IS BETTER TO HAVE LESS THUNDER IN THE MOUTH, AND MORE LIGHTNING IN THE HAND."

Old Apache Proverb



# Amanda Rockman to serve third term as tribal judge

Marlon WhiteEagle  
Staff Writer

On Friday, August 31, 2012, Amanda Rockman was sworn in as the Associate Judge of the Ho-Chunk Nation Trial Courts. Rockman will serve a third three year term. She was first appointed to the bench back in August 2006.

The Andrew Blackhawk American Legion Post 129 served as the color guard, as Little Thunder rendered a welcome song. Ho-Chunk Nation President Jon Greendeer gave a welcome address at the 10 am Oath of Office ceremony at the Tribal Office Building. Greendeer thanked Rockman for her service, and spoke of the sacrifices of such service. Greendeer called up Collin

Price, Ho-Chunk Nation Public Relations Officer, to give the opening remarks.

Ho-Chunk Nation Traditional Court member, Morgan WhiteEagle, offered a prayer prior to Rockman's oath. Ho-Chunk Nation Supreme Court Chief Justice Mary Jo Brooks Hunter administered the oath of office. After Rockman was sworn in, the Chief Justice presented her with a framed Oath of Office certificate and Trial Court Chief Judge Jo Deen Lowe presented the newly appointed judge with a Pendleton blanket.

Rockman expressed her gratitude and introduced members of the Judiciary branch. She also introduced members of the Jackson



**Ho-Chunk Nation Supreme Court Chief Justice Mary Jo Brooks Hunter, Associate Judge Amanda Rockman, and President Jon Greendeer at the Oath of Office Ceremony.**



**Associate Judge Amanda Rockman takes the Oath of Office at the Tribal Office Building in Black River Falls, WI. Rockman will serve a third three-year term.**

County Drug Court: Judge Tom Lister, and District Attorney Gerald Fox, who were present for the ceremony.

At a Legislative meeting in Madison on August 22, Rockman addressed the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature. She said, "I like my job; it's very rewarding. I enjoy working on the Healing to Wellness Court with the Jackson County. I have no late or untimely decisions.

I take great pride in my work." Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature voted 8-1 in favor of appointing Rockman to her third consecutive three year term as Associate Judge.

This Legislative appointment could be the last, as Resolution 9-17-05J: a resolution to have Trial Court Judges be elected was voted in with 366 for and 99 against. It was Proposed Amendment G in the last Secretarial Election.

The proposed amendment read as follows: *Proposed Amendment G would amend Article VII Section 11 to add a requirement that the Trial Court Judges will be elected by the members rather than appointed by the Legislature and must be members of the Ho-Chunk Nation.*

*The amendment also removes the current Legislative authority to appoint Trial Court Judges in Article VII Section 9.*

## Higher Education Division recognizes Summer Student Interns

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On Friday, August 31, the Ho-Chunk Nation Higher Education Division held its Intern Recognition Luncheon at the Skyline Golf Course Clubhouse for their five summer interns. Candace Conant, Ashley Gulbranson, Audrey Lewis, Anthony Littlewolf, and Ryan Pulvermacher were selected as interns to work within various departments of the Ho-Chunk Nation. Placement was based on the student's major.

Candace Conant is studying Liberal Arts at Western Technical College. She worked in the Social Services

department. Ashley Gulbranson is studying Biology at University of Wisconsin Platteville. Ashley worked in the Planning and Development Division of the Administration department. Audrey Lewis is studying Computer Engineering at the University of Wisconsin Milwaukee. She worked with the Information Technology department. Anthony Littlewolf is studying Business Management at Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe Community College. Littlewolf worked in the Treasury department. Ryan Pulvermacher studied Business Marketing at University of Wisconsin Eau Claire.

He worked at Ho-Chunk Gaming Madison.

Marcus Lewis, Higher Education Division Manager, gave the welcome and opening remarks, followed by a prayer by Gordon Thunder. Following the luncheon meal, Adrienne Thunder, Executive Director of the Education Department, and President Jon Greendeer made speeches for the occasion.

Each intern and their supervisor gave speeches on their observations and experiences. A couple of the interns will remain on as regular staff; Candace Conant earned a job within the Social Service department and Ryan Pulvermacher, who graduated this past spring term, will be also be staying on as permanent staff. Ashley Gulbranson, who worked with the Planning and Development, is considering changing her major from Biology to another area of study.

David Abangan, Marketing Director at Ho-Chunk Gaming Madison, said, "Having an intern allowed us to do things we normally don't have staff to do. Ryan helped bring in thousands of new clients and nearly \$250,000 by advertising between Madison at Prairie Du Chien. He also introduced eleven new community businesses to Ho-Chunk Gaming Madison." These results show how much the internship can help both the department and the student intern. In his closing remarks, Marcus Lewis said, "We (in the Higher Education Division) get to help make the prayers



**Ashley Gulbranson speaks about her experience working with Carol Rockman in the Planning and Development division of the Administration department.**



**Marcus Lewis shakes the hand of Anthony Littlewolf, as Dan Libke presents Littlewolf with a Pendleton blanket.**



**Ryan Pulvermacher turned his internship into full-time employment.**

# Comedian makes 'nerdy' seem cool

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Staff Writer

For Jim Ruel, comedy is not just a pastime, it's his passion.

"It's something I always wanted to do since I was a little kid," he said. "I tried a comedy in a little talent show in grade school and have been doing it ever since."

Ruel, originally from Milwaukee, gave a standup comedy performance Saturday night, Sept. 1, at Ho-Chunk Gaming – Black River Falls. He now lives in Los Angeles and is a member of

the Ojibwe tribe.

During his early years as a performer, he did all kinds of acts. He did improvisational comedy, juggling, and even yo-yo tricks, but finally he settled on stand-up comedy.

"I was pretty confident in general because I'm a big nerd," Ruel said. "Anytime I dedicate myself to something I tend to do pretty well in it, so that's what I liked about standup -- that's what I felt I wanted to do and work at."

His big break – and confidence builder – came when he was about a year into the comedy scene. He auditioned for the HBO U.S. Comedy Arts Festival in Chicago where there were about 200 comics competing for 10 spots for the following night's Nighttime Showcase. He earned one of the 10 places.

"A good friend said, 'don't go down there. They got it pretty well pegged and you're too new – it's going to be a waste of time,'" Ruel said. "I went down anyway to get the experience and I had a really, really good performance and that really put me on the map in Chicago. I started getting booked down there with all the clubs and all the clubs around Wisconsin as well."

Within a year, he was working 12 comedian clubs regularly.

"And that helped me out a ton, just working with professional comics on a regular basis, watching them work and getting advice from them," he said.

Most comedians take inspiration from other comics to build their own style and routine. Ruel is a big fan of Emo Phillips, who does some weird, quirky stuff.

"What I like about him is that he'd tell a joke and he'd have to wait a second for the audience to get it and figure it out. For instance, 'I was looking at drapes the other night and a few were open, so

that was fun,'" he said. "Oh, he was looking in people's windows. I have a few like that in my act."

He has many favorite comedians and he believes he has "plucked" inspiration from a few different people. For instance, he loves comedy storytelling, which he has tried to do, in which he tells more of his "nerd" side.

"I went to Stanford for electrical engineering," he said. "I used to do Dungeons and Dragons and I was in the Latin and math clubs in high school and I'm a Star Wars fan. I've read about 200 to 300 science fiction and fantasy books."

Another spin-off of his "nerdy" personality is a venture he calls "The Indigenerd Project." It is a project that focuses on Native American scientists and engineers.

"It would provide a chance to go to the field and look at research they're doing," he said. "Also we could have a panel of Native American smart, nerdy people talk about the issues of the day like sustainability, and stuff like that."

In his comedy routine, he talks about growing up nerdy and native. He reveals the challenges of raising his young daughter and about surviving dating and relationships using math, or as he calls it, getting dumped a lot. His language may get testy at times, but he figures swearing and foul language goes with the territory.

"Intellectually, it doesn't really matter. I know that there are some people out there who are bothered by foul language. I personally don't care either way. It's in there but it's not like egregious I guess you'd say," he said.

"But a lot of the best comics seem to come out of New York, where swearing is just part of the daily language, so



Jim Ruel, originally from Milwaukee, makes standup comedy his passion. He performed Saturday night, Sept. 1, at Ho-Chunk Gaming – Black River Falls.

if you are talking you natural language and you swear in daily life, it's going to come out," Ruel said. "There are some less talented comedians who try to swear-up their act to make it more impactful and it really doesn't work. If you're at a little bar, it's probably going to come out but if you're at a family event, probably not. You adjust it, to an extent, to the environment."

Ruel believes achieving success includes performing in front of people of all races and backgrounds.

"Part of it, as a comedian, is to build a following. I would love to come to a place such as Ho-Chunk and have even more non-native people come to see me as much as the Indians," he said. "So that when I come, people will say that 'he's ours,' but at the same time 'he's really made it to mainstream.' We've never really had an Indian comedian do that. So, that's kind of a goal I have."

Ruel considers Los Angeles as his home base now, mainly because the area provides many more opportunities to advance his career and develop other projects.

"Comedy can be a lonely thing when you go out on the road," he said. "That's one of the reasons I moved to L.A. was to meet other comics," Ruel said. "A lot of those

guys moved to L.A., that's a big reason – to hang out with my friends. And then I started touring with other Native American comedians, which has become another special thing, too: to be able to share the journey, to grow and learn. You grow so much and learn so much. There's so much to learn in entertainment in general."

Ruel has a 4-year-old daughter and, although he could spend more time on the road, prefers to stay at home and spend time with her. He also works with a non-profit organization to show Native American youth in L.A. how to plant and maintain a "native" garden.

"Another reason I moved out to L.A. is to do stuff beyond standup. One of my goals is to write and produce act in a comedy movie," he said. "Take that to my grave and I'll be happy."

Ruel belongs to a comedy group known as "Another Indian Uprising," which consists of Ruel, Shishonia and Gilbert Brown. The group's Web site can be found at <http://www.anothernduprising.com>.

"This group has been together for a little over a year now. I feel like each of us has grown so much from the different things we bring to the group," Ruel said.



## Local comedian won't quit his day job

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When local comedian Cecil Thundercloud made an appearance Friday night, Aug. 31, it wasn't his usual role of tossing quips to the audience. Instead he performed as master-of-ceremonies (emcee), introducing the comedy acts of Tito Ybarra and Mark Yaffee.

Cecil has been performing his own comedy acts around the area, including two recent shows at Molly's Rude Awakening in Black River Falls, along with venues in Eau Claire, Sparta and Tomah.

His main pursuit in life is to maintain his job with the Ho-Chunk Nation as slot director at Ho-Chunk Gaming Black River Falls, with his sideline interest as comedian taking a back seat.

He credits his brother, Jeremy Head, for getting him started in standup comedy. Jeremy encouraged Cecil to

join in the fun and he still performs as a comedian in the area.

Cecil's routine is about everyday life, but he admits the content is more of the "dirty" jokes. However, he does clean up his act a bit with younger and mixed audiences. He might make an inference to something rather nasty, but often he won't just come out and say it.

"I leave some of it open so they can use their imaginations," he said.

On several occasions, he was quite surprised to see his mother, Cheryl Thundercloud, in the audience at his performances.

"She just showed up," he said. Her presence might have caused him to be intimidated and result in him toning down his routine – but he didn't.

"I just played like no one was there," Cecil said.

He is constantly working on his material. Throughout the day, he might have an idea or an inspiration

for a joke. He'll write it down and then later run it by his fiancée Amanda for review.

"She'll change it if she thinks of something funnier," he said. "Her stuff is sometimes funnier – which really helps."

Cecil would like to continue with his comedy acts and to become as successful as he can. But he never intends to leave his "day job" to pursue a fulltime career as a comedian.

"I could have a great year and then the next year could be a flop, so it would be difficult to depend on it for a livelihood," he said.

Cecil has never asked to be paid for his talents as a comedian.

"It's a weight off my shoulders if I did a bad job," he said. "I'll try my best and if I can't, I'll unplug the microphone and retire it."





# Comedian finds her calling in life

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Shishonia is somewhat of a rare gem – there aren't many like her around.

"In a lot of places, I'm the first female comedian they've ever seen – it happens all over in the country. There aren't a lot of Native American comedians, even less women Native Americans. I believe there are only three," she said.

She entertained the crowd with her standup comedy act on Saturday night, Sept. 1, at Ho-Chunk Gaming – Black River Falls.

Shishonia likes to be known only by her first name, like Madonna or Cher, as her stage name. She is half Italian and half Navajo, born in Albuquerque and now lives in Los Angeles.

When she was younger, standup comedy wasn't something she ever considered doing.

"It's something that I just fell into. I was working in a molecular lab for a long time undergrad and I wasn't happy and I couldn't get through thermodynamics and physics. I was really unhappy," she said.

"I was in L.A. and I started modeling. A friend of mine asked me to do that and I got some jobs for a while," Shishonia said. "Then I got a job where they handed me a microphone and I started doing TV hosting. They said, 'Oh, she can talk,' so I started doing more TV hosting and I wanted to work more 'off-the cuff' so I got into the improv (improvisational comedy) theaters. So, that is where I met other improv comedians and I started doing sketch comedy and I met standup comedians. They told me that 'once you try this, you should do it,' and so I started doing it a little bit here and there. And here I am."

Her comedian career was put on hold for a while when she started having a serious relationship with a man.

"But when I broke up with him, I had all this free time and then I started getting

back into standup and fell in love with it all over again," Shishonia said. "It takes a certain kind of person to do comedy. You never get 100 percent comfortable on stage, but I've heard people say it's a compulsion. It's like a calling. Sometimes it fits for some people and sometimes it doesn't."

There are pitfalls in any profession. In comedy, the worst nightmare is when the jokes aren't funny, or the comedian makes a mistake, and there is silence throughout the crowd. On occasion, they do bomb and the crickets chirp.

"Any mistakes you make gives you an opportunity to go in another direction. That's the beauty of it," she said. "It's like you're literally stepping into the unknown –

like you're stepping off the edge. It's the best high you've ever had. It's fun – it's a lot of fun."

Every performer sets goals and strives to reach them, whether it's a certain style of living, fame or fortune. But Shishonia believes she has already achieved her goal as a comedian.

"There are always the things that everyone wants – to create their own projects or to be on a television show or to be in a comedy movie – if you're a comedian, that's basically it. My brother asked me the other day if you had 24 hrs to live, what you do? I'm doing it. I'm doing this show in a couple hours and I love what I do. And if I do this for the rest of my life I'll be happy and fulfilled," Shishonia said. "However, I'm the type of person who pushes myself to do more. You can't really be stagnant to do standup. You have to continue to grow. I mean it's a journey."

Her comedy routine is designed to connect with nearly everyone in the audience.

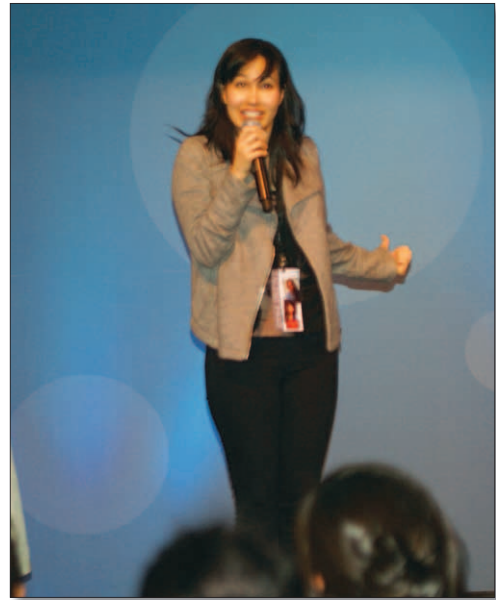
"A lot of it is – I always try to bring myself back to the human element so it doesn't really matter who is listening to it because they'll always be able to relate. I do a lot about me and my relationships or ill talk about my family. It's also a wonderful process of finding your voice," she said.

"And some of my stuff is a little dark – I've been told. But, that's what makes it fun I think. I mean, it's a different way of looking at life. If you can look at an aspect of life and look at it differently – we all tell ourselves stories that look at life in various ways," she said.

When she takes the stage in any of her performances, she comes into her own element. It's as though she takes on a personality all of its own.

"My sister came to the show and thought I was a different person," she said.

Shishonia considers her personality, and the many



**Shishonia has already achieved her life's goal of being a comedian. But she also is an author of a book and finds time to write in her spare time.**

dimensions of her life, as multi-faceted. Besides having been a model, a television host, and now a comedian, she is also pursuing a career as a writer.

She has a college degree in creative writing and has written and published the book, "An Artist Lexicon: A Peculiar View of the World." The book is what she considers "flash fiction," which is a style of fictional literature that is extremely short. In her book, she starts on the left page by offering a letter and a word starting with that word, such as "Z is for Zero." On the right page, she provides a short story that relates to that word. The book is filled with letters and short stories in that fashion.

Currently, Shishonia is writing a fiction novel and attending graduate school at the California Institute of the Arts in creative writing program. She also teaches workshops to Native

American youth on goal setting, time management, and creative writing classes.

Like any writer, when she experiences anything unusual, she tries to relate it to her writing and comedy by writing it down and incorporating into her book or comedy act.

After years of performing standup comedy, Shishonia believes she has found her niche in this world.

"You do a lot when starting out. That creates the camaraderie with other comedians to learn the art of comedy," she said. "After a while, you find your way."

The best advice she has for anyone starting a career in comedy is to be selective of your friends.

"Having good people around you makes it much easier," she said.



## HCG-Black River Falls "Summer of Love" giveaway

Sherman Funmaker  
Interim Editor

On Saturday August 25th one lucky casino guest, who had just qualified the day of the giveaway, won herself a 2012 Harley Davidson Tri-Glide Classic with a value of \$32,824 from Al Muth's Harley Davidson of Black River Falls. During the intermission of the "Happy Together Tour" concert, five finalists were announced by Promotions Manager Karen Baker. One would win the bike and the other four runners-up would receive \$1000 in cash. Out of the 110 final qualifiers 109 were in attendance at the sold-out show. The promotion ran from June 17th to August 25th with a total of 8118 total entries. The

Rewards Club members received 1 free entry in June, July and August and were able to earn one extra entry every day with 20 points accumulated on their Rewards card. Black Jack players earned extra entries with every Black Jack dealt with all hearts. During the shows intermission each of the five finalists held a large envelope, in this, held either \$1000 or the Harley Davidson logo. In the end Jennifer Gates from Black River Falls fell to her knees with joy when she revealed the logo and saw she was the lucky winner. Jennifer is a very loyal customer and when asked how her husband took the news she said "he said that all that time spent at the casino, finally paid off."



**Winner of the Harley, Jennifer Gates and General Manager Greg Garvin.**



# Ho-Chunk Gaming Black River Falls presents native comedians

Marlon WhiteEagle  
Staff Writer

On Friday night, August 31, Ho-Chunk Gaming Black River Falls presented native comedians, Tito Ybarra and Marc Yaffee. Cecil Thundercloud was the host for the comedy night in the bingo hall. As a surprise, two other comedians were added to the bill: Danny Littlejohn and Adam Stone.

Tito Ybarra is a self-described "drum whore", who you may have seen singing with Midnight Express, Battle River, or any other powwow drum group. But now, he's taking his comedy career more and more serious. He's always been natural funny and the life of the party. He never thought he could be a professional comedian until the opportunity presented itself at a youth conference in Lawrence, Kansas. Tito was asked to fill the spot of a comedian who couldn't make it

to the gig. Tito has been taking to the stage ever since.

Ybarra said, "I started by doing these crazy videos. I'm a Martin Lawrence fan, and I saw his movies where he'd be doing a bunch of different characters. So I started developing characters. I have the Way to Personal Internet Hand Drum Dude. I created this character to cheer myself up. I have Larry T. Baskin, who is a product of our annual clown dance. I won it six years in a row." Ybarra's videos featuring these characters are popular on YouTube.

Ybarra likes to promote culture with his comedy. He said, "It's a gift, I put my faith in the creator. If I didn't do comedy, I would be wasting talent the creator gave me. I don't force the material; I let it come to me."

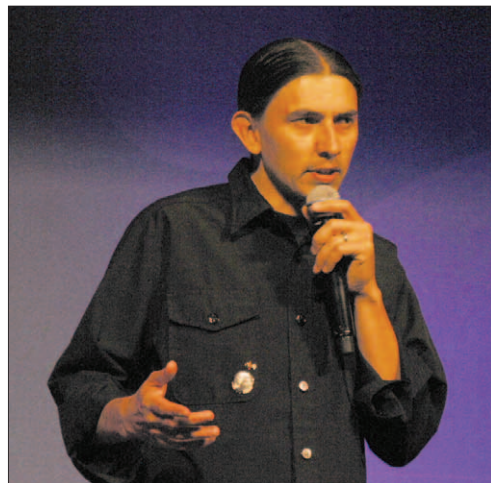
Adam Stone is a native Hawaiian and Reno based comedian who also took to the stage Labor Day week-



All the acts took to the stage to improvise after each performed.



Adam Stone, native Hawaiian, jokes about being considered Japanese in Japan and Mexican in Mexico, but Persian in Los Angeles.



Danny Littlejohn, Ho-Chunk, spoke Ho-Chunk in parts of his set.

end. Stone got into comedy under the recommendation of his inspiring actress friend who said, "You're funny. I have five friends doing comedy successfully; I know you can do." Shortly after this conversation, Adam enrolled in a comedy class and wrote a five minute set of material. He remembered, "I had this dinosaur reenactment bit that I came up with. I really concentrated on segues and structure of my material. I was a craftsman (of comedy). Doing comedy about my Asian side helped me become myself in my comedy presentation. I was more myself on stage."

Stone has been doing comedy for ten years now. Stone said, "Seven years ago, I started getting serious about it. I do very playful, self-deprecating, and positive sets. I want people to leave with an overall good experience."

Danny Littlejohn is a Ho-Chunk tribal member who currently lives and works out of Seattle, Washington. Danny is the son of Eliot Littlejohn and grew up in Hokah, Minnesota. After high school, Littlejohn joined the Air Force which led to him moving to the Seattle area. Littlejohn credits Marc Yaffee and Jim Ruell as his inspirations to begin his career in stand-up comedy. Littlejohn said, "After seeing these two guys on stage doing stand-up comedy at Parlor Live Comedy Club, I got the feeling that natives can do it; that I could do stand-up comedy. So I went to open mic night for about six weeks to study up on what kind of material would not work. Finally, on October 10, 2010, I did my 3 minute set. When I got of stage, a couple of the experienced comics came up to me as said nice job. As a comedian, you get relieved after your set, it's not easy to go up there and perform. It's an art. I don't want to go up there and not do my best."

Littlejohn has been doing comedy for a couple of years now. In March 2012, he



Tito Ybarra brought some of his YouTube characters to his stand-up comedy routine.



won the Seattle radio station JackFM's Make Jack Laugh contest. Keep the laughter going, Danny.

Marc Yaffee said, "I'm on year fourteen of the fifty year plan, but I've been doing stand-up for seven years full-time." Yaffee is a Sacramento based comedian, who hadn't learned of his Navajo roots until he was twenty-five years old. Yaffee said, "I was adopted out. My birth mother found me and that's when I found out my birth dad was Navajo. I haven't met him." Learning about his native background has allowed Yaffee to find a commonality with natives.

Yaffee continued, "Like Adam, I took a class, Comedy Traffic. The teacher liked me

(my comedy) and took me on the road with him, because I had a car. At the time I was home schooling my children and had a bit about that. In 2006, I started doing bigger casino gigs. It was at Lake of the Torches that we started the Powwow Comedy Jam. I'm a part of that with Vaughn Eaglebear and Howie Miller.

Yaffee said non-native bookers don't realize that we were raised in mainstream comedy. Yaffee has television credits as a host on a comedy series and was featured in PBS's Crossing the Line series. He also appeared on Showtime's Going Native with Charlie Hill. Yaffee said, "Indian humor is universal, it's about basic life struggles."



# Casey Brown hosts open Mic

Sherman Funmaker  
Interim Editor

If you can make it to the Windy City on a Thursday night you have a place where are invited to get up and show off your talent. Resident Ho-Chunk comedian-actor-musician Casey Brown hosts a variety show/open mic once a week in the Bucktown section of Chicago. He arrived in Chicago in 2008 with just a suitcase and a dream of furthering his career in performance art. He sold everything he could and left for Chicago with nowhere to live when he got there. "The most irrational thing I have ever done" he explains.

He gave himself two months to either make it or head home. He had this dream in his head and against everything that made sense; he says he was compelled to give it a shot. Sleeping on couches and beating the bushes he did what he came to Chicago to do, he attended the renowned Second City to sharpen his writing and performance skills. Chicago's Second City brought us John Belushi, Gilda Radner, Dan Aykroyd and so many more legendary performers and writers. This

comic theatre has been in existence since 1959 and is now considered the most influential and prolific comedy theatre in the world. Casey spent two years there studying his craft until the door opened for him to host an open mic night in nearby Bucktown.

Casey said while growing up he watched the Marx Brothers, The 3 Stooges and of course, Saturday Night Live. "I grew up in the wrong decade" he said. While his parents thought he was sleeping, his TV turned down, every Saturday night he tuned into SNL and watched not knowing then that he would later be in the same place where these comics honed their skills.

While living over a bar that held an open mic night he attended for the heck of it and got up and told a few jokes, although he was more comfortable doing sketch comedy, and after a few times on stage this regular act was asked if would like to host an open mic night. When asked if he had ever hosted such an event he told the owner that that it was "old hat", lying through his teeth, he laughed.

Casey grew up in Black

River Falls and after graduating from high school his dad took him on a tour of the University of Wisconsin campus after Casey expressed interest in leaving Wisconsin to further his education. The history and the landmarks of the Ho-Chunk people convinced him to stay in Madison. While attending UW he continued working on his comedy and formed a sketch comedy group that performed once a month with a classmate from Black River Falls, Alan Talaga.

Casey and Talaga formed the group and performed in several Madison venues including a TV show on cable access station WYOU. He had played in a rock band when he was in high school, but comedy was what he decided to pursue.

When asked about people who may have influenced him he adds, "I met Charlie Hill and the talk with him convinced him to carry on and go for it." He has come a ways from sleeping on couches and waiting for a break. Although still not totally where he wants to be yet, his future looks bright and hosting this open mic and spending time



Casey Browns Cupcake Comedy Cabaret

at Second City helped a great deal. He has managed to make a few bucks and has been able to network with other artists in the area. He is comfortable with how things turned out so far but feels it's just another step in the right direction.

November is Native Heritage month and during that

time Casey plans on having an all-indigenous show.

Casey is the son of Ritchie Brown and Tina Boisen Casey Brown's Cupcake Comedy Cabaret.

Bucktown Pub 1658 Cortland St. Chicago, Ill.

Thursdays 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM.

## Thundercloud Youth Golf Academy

Submitted by  
Quentin Thundercloud

The Academy was created on the thought that we need to give our youth opportunities to expand their dreams and experiences. Youth can achieve their goals in life with a desire to learn and take on challenges. Andy and I have the skill and experiences of many years of teaching and training individuals.

We planned to assist those youth that would like to take the challenge of GOLF. We know financial assistance in sport of golf is very costly. We created a Scholarship program to assist with the costs to those youth that are sincere and accept challenges.

Our program began with an application for the youth with questions based on their accomplishments, educational goals and family support. These objectives in mind, we selected students based upon their application and interviews. Colin Meltesen from Tomah, Ryan Edwards and Ethan Pettibone from Black River Falls were selected as students to the academy. The Skyline Golf Course in Black River Falls was chosen as the training site. Classes began the first week in June and concluded on August 23. All students completed the requirements of the program and graduated on August 29, 2012 at the



Quentin with youth and family.



Ethan Pettibone receiving his certificate from Quentin.

Skyline Golf Course.

A fund-raising project was started in April to provide some funding needed to support the program. The parents and the students helped in the fundraising. I would like to thank all those people that showed interest in the youth golf program and help support it.

There are seven individuals that received some items that were raffled and I wish them congratulations.

We look forward to having another successful season again next year, in the mean time enjoy the rest of the year and Hit'm Straight!



Colin Meltesen receiving his certificate from Quentin.

# Movie in the Park: Up Heartbreak Hill & Crooked Arrows

Marlon WhiteEagle  
Staff Writer

On August 30, Ho-Chunk Nation Youth Services hosted another night of Movie in the Park featuring Crooked Arrows and Up Heartbreak Hill. Up Heartbreak Hill was not screened at the previous Movie in the Park event. There was a full agenda of events prior to the films.



Erica Scharf, Up Heartbreak Hill Director.

Attendees registered for door prizes, meal, and the movies. Various Ho-Chunk Nation programs set up booths to hand out information about their services and offerings. Attendees went from booth to booth to get their cards punched by the programs. Guest speaker, Bernie Stevens, came back to address the youth about his life experiences.

Up Heartbreak Hill was the first film screened. The film is produced as part of PBS's series P.O.V. and is directed by Erica Scharf, who also produces HGTV's House Hunter International series. Scharf follows the story of two Navajo youth through their senior year of high school on their reservation. Both youth, Thomas Martinez and Tamara Hardy, are stand out cross country runners and students with dream of running in college. Up Heartbreak Hill chronicles the two students' daily and personal struggles.

Thomas Martinez is a cross

country and track star who dreams of going to college on a running scholarship, earning a college degree, and returning home to make life better for those in his community. During his senior year, we see him dealing with his parents who struggle with substance abuse. His father is a recovering alcoholic and his mother is absent from most of his life. Thomas is able to remain focused on his education and athletic goals. Thomas wants to win state titles in cross country and track to help himself earn scholarships. Most importantly, Thomas has a connection and finds peace running up Heartbreak Hill, a cross country course on the reservation.

Thomas tries to correct things from his childhood that cannot be changed. These efforts seem to distract him from achieving his goals. Thomas doesn't win state title, but succeeds in having his mother and father present at his high school graduation.

Tamara Hardy is also a cross country runner, class president, and at the top of her class. She has a supportive and stable family life. She plans to join her best friend at Fort Lewis College in Durango, Colorado. Although Tamara and Thomas come from different home lives, Tamara is not able to escape the common struggle of growing up on the reservation.

At the conclusion, we learn both students go off to college. Thomas bounces around from a few different schools in New Mexico, eventually coaching cross country and re-enrolling at Dine College. Tamara spent one year at Fort Lewis College before going to University of New Mexico-Gallup. In August 2011, she gave birth to a baby boy, and this coming December will earn her associate degree in Computer Science.

After the screening of Up Heartbreak Hill, there was an encore screening of Crooked Arrows. Movies in the Park



Thomas Martinez (front), and Tamara Hardy (middle) are the subjects of Up Heartbreak Hill, which chronicles the two runners during their senior year of high school on the Navajo Reservation.

is a fun time for families, best of all, there's no cost.

**We mailed out 2600 surveys...  
520 of you mailed em' back!**

**THANK YOU!**

Results will be available by November 30th.  
Winners from the drawing:  
Brady Twobears - \$100 gift card  
Caroline Blackdeer - \$50 gift card  
Rebecca Green - DaXu Coffee  
Russel Mann - Indian Corn

**SUMMONS**  
(Second Publication)  
**IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT**  
**Floyd Silas Jr., Petitioner, v. Carlos D. Smith, Respondent.**  
  
Case : CS 12-45  
  
**TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: Carlos D. Smith**  
You are hereby informed that you have been named a respondent in the above-entitled civil lawsuit. This legal notice of the *Petition to Register & Enforce a Foreign Judgment or Order* is now served upon you by publication. Your written Answer to the *Petition* must be filed with the Court on or before the twentieth day from the date of the second published issuance of this *Summons*. You may request a hearing within your written response. See RECOGNITION OF FOREIGN CHILD SUPPORT ORDERS ORDINANCE, 4 HCC § 2.5. Also, you must send or present a copy of your Answer to the opposing party listed above or to their attorney of record. Failure to file a timely Answer in the time allowed can affect your right to object to the enforcement of the foreign judgment or order. *Id.*, § 2.6c.  
The Trial Court is physically located at Wa Ehi Hocira, W9598 Highway 54 East, Black River Falls, (Jackson County) Wisconsin. The Trial Court's mailing address is P. O. Box 70, Black River Falls, WI 54615. The telephone number is (715) 284-2722, or toll free 800-434-4070, and the facsimile number is (715) 284-3136.

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**Renae Jean Mason, Petitioner, v. Barrin Lance Sanache, Respondent.**  
  
Case : CS 12-53  
  
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You are hereby informed that you have been named a respondent in the above-entitled civil lawsuit. This legal notice of the *Petition to Register & Enforce a Foreign Judgment or Order* is now served upon you by publication. Your written Answer to the *Petition* must be filed with the Court on or before the twentieth day from the date of the second published issuance of this *Summons*. You may request a hearing within your written response. See RECOGNITION OF FOREIGN CHILD SUPPORT ORDERS ORDINANCE, 4 HCC § 2.5. Also, you must send or present a copy of your Answer to the opposing party listed above or to their attorney of record. Failure to file a timely Answer in the time allowed can affect your right to object to the enforcement of the foreign judgment or order. *Id.*, § 2.6c.  
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**State of Wisconsin, Petitioner, v. Edward J. Nicholas, Respondent.**  
  
Case : CS 12-55  
  
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# Are you looking for a job?

## Eligibility Requirements:

- A. Unemployment 7 days or more unemployed OR
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- C. Received a bona-fide notice of impending lay-off, with little opportunity of rehire in the same or equivalent occupation.

*You must be an enrolled member of a federally recognized tribe or a descendant of a tribal member.*

*You must reside in the 39 county service areas in Wisconsin.*

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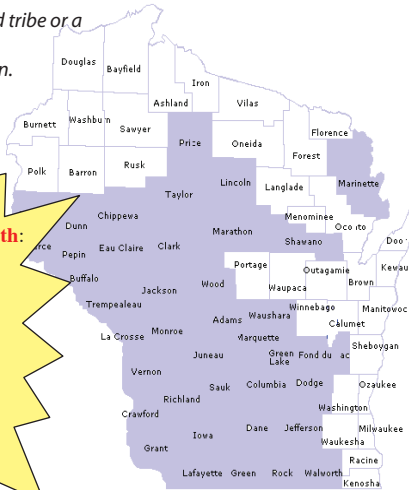
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Call the Ho-Chunk  
Nation Department of  
Labor and ask to speak  
with a 477 Case Manager 715-284-5877

# Need more training to get that promotion?



## Jail/Corrections

### Officer

**Monroe County  
Sheriff's Office**  
Sparta Wisconsin

**Reason for announcements:**  
Establish Eligibility List Full-time

**Responsibilities:** Various duties associated with processing; care; transportation and housing of jail inmates.

**Salary:** \$18.49-\$19.96 per hour.

**Benefits:** Wisconsin retirement fund; Health insurance; Life insurance; Sick leave; Dental; Paid Holidays-10; Clothing allowance; Deferred compensation; Vacation.

**Qualifications:** U.S. citizen; Drivers license; Good driving record; Good physical condition; High school diploma; Associate degree preferred; Bachelor degree preferred; No felony convictions; No domestic abuse convictions; Vision correctable to 20/20; Good verbal and written communication skills; react quickly and effectively to stressful situations; Able to work evenings, weekends and holidays; Knowledge and skills in operating computer systems; Clear and concise speech; Ability to handle several tasks simultaneously; Ability to perform essential functions of this position.

**Apply by:** 4:00 PM 09/28/2012

**Submit:** DJ-LE-330

**Contact:**

Ed Smudde  
Monroe County Personnel Dept.  
14345 Co. Hwy B, Room 3  
Sparta, WI 54656-4509  
Phone (608) 269 8719  
Fax: (608) 366-1809  
E-mail:  
Ed.Smudde@co.monroe.wi.us

**Notes:** Written exam; Oral interviews; Psychological profile; Medical examination; Vision exam; Drug screening; Background investigation; Physical fitness/ agility screening; Personnel evaluation profile; ON DJ-LE-330 COMPLETE THE 3 QUESTIONS IN SECTION 6. Be sure to indicate on the top of the application that the position applied for is "Jailer."

# ANNUAL HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT

**PRIZES**

FIRST PLACE  
\$100  
SECOND PLACE  
\$75  
THIRD PLACE  
\$50

The Annual Singles Horseshoe Tournament on Saturday, September 29, 2012 located at the District I Community Center at 12:00pm. Cash Prizes.



For more information contact

Derris Funmaker or Melissa McKee at 715-284-0905.

\*Rain date is 9/30/12 at 12:00pm



## TRADITIONAL ARCHERY TOURNAMENT



**Date:** Saturday, 10/27/12

**Time:** 12:00

**Contact Derris or Melissa at  
715-284-0905**

Traditional Archery Tournament will be held on Saturday, October 27, 2012 at 12:00 am located at the District One Community Center outside.

For all Community members 18 and Older.

Prize is 1st Place T-Shirts and bragging rights!

District One Community Center



## Hoocak Waaziija Hacı Language Division

Is currently seeking to fill the following position:

### Language Grant Assistant

For further qualifications, requirements and application submittal, please come to :

Hoocak Waaziija Hacı  
Language Division  
N4845 Hwy. 58  
P.O. Box 390  
Mauston, WI 53948

1-800-492-5745  
Fax (608)847-7201

**Responsible for assisting in the implementation and coordination of \*ANA Language Grant. Assist with the development of new language materials, timelines and ANA reporting requirements.**

Closing date:  
September 21, 2012 @ 4:00 PM

\*Administration for Native Americans

The following people need to contact  
**The Ho-Chunk Nation  
Home Ownership Program:**

- Elizabeth Haller
- Steven Link
- Sherry Smith
- Debra Sturdevant
- Pauline Ward-Paulson
- Kim Whitegull
- Karen Green
- Jacqueline Henneha
- Angel Littlewolf
- Boyd Lonetree
- Kimberly Stacy
- Janice Tourtillot

Please call Liza Green at (608) 374-1225 as soon as possible. Thank you.

## School District of Black River Falls

301 North Fourth St., Black River Falls, WI 54615

### School Board Vacancy Notice

The School Board of the School District of Black River Falls is seeking persons interested in filling a vacancy on the board created by the resignation of Ramie Bakken. Interested persons must reside in the Black River Falls School District. Please send a letter of interest, resume, and a School Board "Applicant Information" form to:

Maureen Ruka, Human Resources for the Black River Falls School District

\*301 North Fourth St., Black River Falls, WI 54615

The "Applicant Information" form is available on our Human Resources page at [www.brf.org](http://www.brf.org) or at the administrative offices. The deadline for applications is Wednesday, September 19, 2012 at 4:00 pm. The school board will act on the vacancy at its Monday, September 24, 2012 special meeting at 5:00 pm at the District Office Board Room. Applicants will be required to appear at the meeting. The successful candidate will serve until April 2014 and will be eligible to seek election to the seat during the 2014 spring election

## 2012 Adult Punt, Pass, and Kick Contest



Contact Derris or Melissa: 715-284-0905

Date: Saturday October 6th, 2011

Time: 11:00 am

District 1 Community Center

### Adult Punt, Pass, and Kick Rules:

1. Each Player will get one Punt, one Pass, and one Kick
2. Attempts will be measured by Distance and Accuracy.
3. Attempts will be measured along a straight line. Your distance will be measured then subtracted by the distance away from the straight line.
4. Each attempt will be added for your final score.
5. Rules subject to change.

### Categories Open to all Competitors:

Men's 18-25      Women's 18-35  
Men's 26-45      Woman's 36 and Older  
Men's 46 and Older

T-Shirts and Prize Money for:  
First Place: \$100.00  
Second Place: \$75.00  
Third Place: \$50.00

## Monthly Board Meeting

For

**Ho-Chunk Housing and Community  
Development Agency (HUD)**

Thursday, September 20, 2012 • 6:00 PM  
HHCA at Tomah,  
corner of Monowau Street & Sime Avenue

Board: Lee Brown Jr., Amos Kingsley, Colin Carimon, Martin Littlewolf Jr., Lisa Stroessner, Cheri Byhre, Terrence Johnson, John Dall, Gerald Cleveland, Leonard Walker, and Francis Decorah.

Agenda items by noon, Sept. 13, 2012  
Contact Board Secretary at Ext. 222  
HHCA (608) 374-1245 Ext. 222  
Fax: (608) 374-1251



## HHCDA Basketball at Lunda Center and Wisconsin Dells



Justine Roy, Aliya Wade, Fern Yellowbank, Moses Decorah, Jessie Greengrass, Trevonna Rave, Anthony Cornelius, Summer Dick, Coach Scott Gilbeck, Iris Little George, Coach Scott Murray, Bryson Funmaker, Camp Organizer Ken Funmaker. Not pictured Bronson Koenig, Myra Nakai, Taylor Yellowthunder, Myshell Mike.



Bronson Koenig, Brady Two Bears, Kunu Begay, Kody Funmaker, Sedrick Lasley, Nikolas Owen, Lenox Lasley, CJ Lasley, Jashawn Rave, Langston Brown, Summer Dick, Bryson Funmaker, Dean Funmaker, Joe White Eagle, Maya White Eagle, Jalen Roman, Myshell Mike, Kane Funmaker, Justine Roy, Emily Prescott, Mariah Prescott. The coaches were Jim Weiland, Scott Gilbeck, Brad Rohling, Brittany Johnson, Harrison Funmaker and Camp Organizer Ken Funmaker.



## *Fish Fry & Bingo*

Donations will be greatly appreciated & acknowledged during the event.

## *F*undraiser

**A Blue Wing Community sponsored event.**

All proceeds will go toward purchasing trees, plants and shrubs to beautify the landscape of the **Blue Wing Cemetery**.

### **Location**

Blue Wing Community Building  
320 Epinal Avenue  
Tomah, WI

### **Date**

**Friday, September 21**

**5:30 - fish fry**

\$8.00 adults – ALL U CAN EAT

\$5.00 kids – 10 & under

Bingo immediately following

For more information please call Pepper at (608) 372-0549

# A young poet speaks

Sherman Funmaker  
Interim Editor

Lizette Goucher is a young woman that writes poetry. Not just poetry, but poetry that comes from the heart. The fuel for her writings seems to come from the experiences of family, personal loss and alone time with no one to talk to. She doesn't look for pity or sympathy but understands that this is the hand that has been dealt to her and she takes it in with an understanding of a woman twice her age.

What she writes is enforced by a feel of whom she is and where she comes from.



Poet Lizette Goucher

Unusual for someone who is only 15 years old. Although young and relatively sheltered, she speaks with the sense of someone who has seen the world. Maybe it's the 140 or so books she has read so far this year, which has opened her eyes to what the world has to offer. Most writers are avid readers and she is no exception. She stated that she has no real favorite writer but does like the "House of Night" series, which features a Native girl, Zoey Redbird who is "marked" by a vampire tracker and is undergoing a "change" to eventually become one.

She explains how the books she reads are a way for her to escape and get away from her everyday life.

Lizette speaks like an artist twice her age and has a very distinct way of projecting confidence. She started writing about four years ago after reading an Edgar Allen Poe piece and discovered how writing turned out to be more therapy than a hobby or homework. She explains that during that time in her young life she needed someone to talk to and when she couldn't

find a friendly ear, she put pencil to paper and found shelter there. A natural, some would say. Not so much by what she puts on paper, but by the way her stories are fueled by events in her young life. A native girl in a small town, time alone and a family that has seen its ups and downs with the pressures of this world can be seen in this young talent's writings.

Lizette's poetry, she said, is a sort of window that she guards like a mother who protects her young. What she has written, like some poets is something personal and not completely open to the public. Emotional and honest, she finds her words like medicine applied to who and what she is and only shared with her closest of friends.

She has looked into possibly writing stories or plays, but for right now she has found refuge in her constant friend, her poetry and her ability to open a book and escape from the small town she calls home.

Lizette is a sophomore at Tomah High School and is the daughter of Karen Green and Frank Williams.



## WATCHING

By Lizette Goucher

Watching the snow fall.

Beautiful blanket covering the cold ground.

Beauty all its own.

The gorgeous swirls it makes with a little wind.  
As I watch I'm thinking "if only love were as beautiful?"

Knowing that the snow will cover the earth  
with a cold bitter hug.

And leave behind a symbol all its own.

One flake at a time.

Changing the world with something so little  
and beautiful.

Not even knowing its powers. Catching the eye  
and holding it.

Then melting away when the sun greets it with  
warmth.

Leaving nothing.

# Final Performance of the summer at Bowman Park

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Sunday, August 26th 2012  
was the final performance of  
the Indian Ceremonial dances



at Bowman Park in Wisconsin Dells of this year. This was the second year this event has been put on with help of local sponsors and the City of Wisconsin Dells.

There was an earlier show last July for this Concert in the Park series. The event included local Ho-Chunk performers of all ages in traditional dress as well as dancers and performers from other nations.

Mayor Brian Landers has been a proponent of the Ceremonial, or a form of it since he came into office. A local resident who grew up in the Dells, was well aware of the Stand Rock Indian

Ceremonial and its impact on the local economy and history.

There is talk of the Ceremonial being not only an occasional event at Bowman but finding a permanent venue with the help of the Mayors Office and the DNR. There is a plan being worked on where the City's River Walk project could incorporate the Stand Rock traditions. Before Landers was elected Mayor he was a local police officer and says he was constantly asked about the Stand Rock Indian Ceremonial and if it would ever return to the area.

Mayor Landers, with the help of Lance Tallmadge, Jean Ann Day and Samantha

Day organized the show that gave the public a look into the Nation's history in the Dells, the traditions, the dress and the dance. Emcee Evan Logan hosted the last performance of this year.

The show was free to the public. Guests were

invited to bring their own lawn chairs and blankets to watch the show, and local non-profits provided limited refreshments. Local media was invited to attend and could interview and photograph performers after the show.



Grand Entry at Bowman Park.



Last performance at Bowman Park.